

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a motor attaining a function as a motor-generator, and a control device controlling drive of the motor. As described at page 16, line 24-page 17, line 3, an alternator 50 operates as a generator or a drive motor depending on the determination by a control unit 30 based on signal M/G.

The Office Action alleges that Figs. 14-17 of Adachi teach these features. As described at col. 1, line 10-col. 2, line 20 and col. 4, lines 5-12, Figs. 14-17 are identified as prior art for Adachi.

Fig. 14 of Adachi shows a general AC generator, and Figs. 15-17 of Adachi show a voltage regulator. Neither of these function as a motor. Moreover, the prior art of Adachi does not teach or suggest a controller that controls the drive of a motor. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentably distinct from the prior art of Adachi.

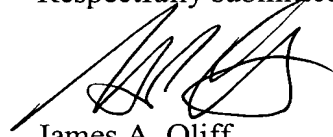
Claims 9, 10, 13 and 14 are allowable at least for their dependence on claim 1, as well as for the additional features they recite.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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